PD-0894-18 COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS AUSTIN, TEXAS Transmitted 2/20/2019 10:44 AM Accepted 2/20/2019 11:19 AM DEANA WILLIAMSON

# OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

	PD-0094-10	FILED
		COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS
WITH LOCH	C	2/20/2019
VITH LOCH	2	DEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK
	S	On Petition for Review of
VS.	S	No. 01-16-00438-CR
	Š	Court of Appeals
	Š	First District of Texas
THE STATE OF TEXAS	S	

## APPELLANT'S RESPONSE TO COURT'S NOTICE and MOTION TO EXTEND TIME

Due to a calendaring error, counsel for Vith Loch missed the deadline for filing Appellant's brief in this case. Counsel takes full responsibility for this error and extends a sincere apology to the Court. Going forward, counsel is setting up administrative and technical assistance with maintaining the calendar for clients' cases pending in this Court, to avoid further errors. Counsel is most grateful to the Court for sending notice and providing an opportunity to file the brief before issuing a show-cause order.

Respectfully, in response to the Court's notice to file the brief immediately with a motion to extend, counsel advises that she is scheduled to speak at the Appeals and Writs Seminar sponsored by the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association tomorrow, February 21, 2019, in Austin. Accordingly, counsel requests an extension of time to Wednesday, February 27, 2019 to complete Appellant's brief. This request is sought in the interest of justice for Appellant, who is in no way responsible for counsel's error.

#### **PRAYER**

Appellant respectfully requests that the motion be granted and that the Court permit an extension of time until February 27, 2019 for counsel to file Appellant's brief.

Respectfully submitted,

#### **ALEXANDER BUNIN**

Chief Public Defender Harris County Texas

/s/ Cherí Duncan

#### **CHERI DUNCAN**

Assistant Public Defender Harris County Texas State Bar No. 06210500 1201 Franklin, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor Houston Texas 77002 (713) 368-0016 (713) 368-9278 (Fax) cheri.duncan@pdo.hctx.net

Attorney for Appellant, Vith Loch

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of Appellant's Motion to Extend Time to File Reply to Petition for Discretionary Review was served electronically on the Appellate Division of the Harris County District Attorney's Office and the State Prosecuting Attorney February 20, 2019.

/s/ Cherí Duncan

**CHERI DUNCAN**